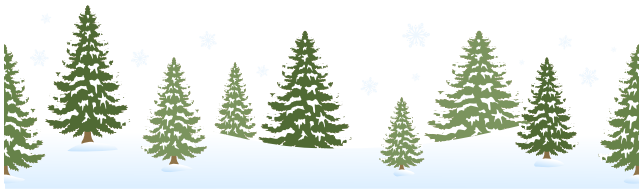
Counseling Newsletter

December 2026

Upcoming Dates



Winter Break: December 19- January 3
Semester 1 Exams: January 13-15
January 19: Start of 2nd Semester



Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Bartholomy back to the Counseling Office following her Maternity Leave!

Just a reminder that the alpha split by last name is below:

A-E: Mrs. Bartholomy, abartholomy@bcpsk12.net
F-K: Mrs. Bonnell, lbonnell@bcpsk12.net
L-R: Mrs. Weaver, aweaver@bcpsk12.net
S-Z: Mr. Jackson, jjackson@bcpsk12.net

MI College Match

Michigan students and families: get ready for MI College Match, a new program that allows all Michigan seniors to receive direct admission offers from the 26 participating colleges and universities, no applications required! Michigan students have already received more than 42,000 offers and nearly $2 billion in state and institutional scholarship awards. This program is at no cost to the student or high schools. Please join MiLEAP, MCAN, and Match for a 45-minute webinar designed for students and their parents and guardians to learn more on how to participate. The webinar will take place on Monday, November 23rd, at 6:30 P.M. Eastern Time.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the following:

1. How MI College Match differs from traditional college applications, and what that means for you
2. How to build your Match profile: what you'll see, what's required, and how to get started
3. The profile deadlines and when offers will be released to students
4. How to read and respond to offers so you can make confident decisions
5. How your school counselor fits in, and why staying connected with them matters

Can't make it? Register anyway and we'll send the recording afterward.

From the Kent ISD:

Career Chats: The Kent ISD offers a weekly series of 30-minute live, virtual career conversations that will highlight professions in a variety of career pathways, giving students the opportunity to learn more about a career of interest, or to explore new options. Professionals will share their own career path, along with valuable industry insights. Students can ask their own questions!

All Career Chats are virtual from 3:30-4:00pm

See the full schedule and register **here.**

Workforce Development Calendar: In addition to Career Chats, the ISD also has a variety of workforce development opportunities. **This** website is always updated with the current and upcoming events!

Graduation Requirement: FAFSA Completion

All seniors must either complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or submit a **signed waiver** to fulfill this specific requirement for graduation.

The deadline to complete the FAFSA or submit the waiver is **May 1st**. Students who do not meet this requirement prior to Senior's last day of school, will not be eligible to walk at graduation. Waivers can be found and submitted in the BCHS Counseling Office.

Why the FAFSA? Completing the FAFSA provides access to financial aid opportunities for college, trade schools, and other post-secondary education options**.** Additionally, recent high school graduates who complete the FAFSA may qualify for the *Michigan Achievement Scholarship,* which helps reduce the cost of further education.

Emergency Mental Health Resources:

Suicide hotline: 9-8-8 (free, anonymous, available 24/7)

Trevor Project 1-866-488-7386 (call, text or online chat)

Network 180- (616) 336-3765 The Access Center remains open 24/7

Text "nice" to 741741

Mental Health Resource Guide

FutureSolve 27

A SIX-WEEK

SUMMER PROGRAM



FutureSolve 27is asix-weekimmersive summer program for students to work side by side with company leadership to solve real world problems.

This fellowship is to build collaboration, design-thinking, and presentation skills while networking with partner businesses.

EARN $599
STIPEND

3 COLLEGE CREDITS
THROUGH FSU

JUNE 14 THROUGH JULY 22
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

KENDALL COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN
17FOUNTAINST. NW
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

Priority is given to rising seniors.

Students in 10-11 grades can apply.

More Info Found Here

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